HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1445 By Dunn

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Representative Paul Stanley upon his meritorious service as a member of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this Body should recognize those fellow legislators who have performed their duties with remarkable dexterity and unprecedented devotion and whose efforts to excel have brought substantial benefits to their respective communities and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Paul Stanley's illustrious career in the House of Representatives will come to an end at the adjournment sine die of the 104th General Assembly, as he has announced his retirement from this august Body; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Stanley has for many years been a prominent and highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of Shelby County, and he has served his constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, the good people of House District 96 evinced their great faith in the political and governmental capabilities of Paul Stanley by electing him as their representative to the House of Representatives; he has been a house member from the 102nd through the 104th General Assemblies, and he has performed admirably in this position; and

WHEREAS, during his three terms and six years in the House of Representatives, Rep. Stanley has been prominent as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always votes his conscience; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Stanley is a dynamic and aggressive participant in the legislative process and has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues for the outstanding contributions he has made as Republican Caucus Floor Leader, and as a member of the House Commerce Committee; House Rules Committee; House Transportation Committee; House

Judiciary Committee; House Public Transportation and Highways Subcommittee; House Utilities and Banking Subcommittee; and the Republican Caucus Ethics Task Force; and

WHEREAS, during his time in the General Assembly, Paul Stanley has been a vocal supporter of business and sponsored legislation to set spending priorities, enact open government and ethics reform, protect the unborn, and oppose a state income tax; and

WHEREAS, a former member of the Republican State Executive Committee and
Treasurer of the House Republican Caucus, Rep. Stanley has also served as the Young
Republican National Federation Vice-Chairman, Tennessee Young Republican Federation State
Chairman, and Shelby County Republican Party Vice Chairman of Finance; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who truly appreciates the responsibilities, as well as the privileges, of citizenship, Rep. Stanley has served as a valuable member of many civic, professional and governmental organizations, including the Germantown Kiwanis, Cordova Leadership Council, Leadership Germantown, Leadership Memphis, Germantown Chamber of Commerce, University of Tennessee Roundtable, Senior Services Board of Directors, and Administrative Board of Christ United Methodist Church; he has also served as Board Chairman of Generations, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to achievements and accolades, Rep. Stanley was named one of the Outstanding Young Men of America in 1995, and in 2001, he was named "Man of the Year" by the Young Republican National Federation; and

WHEREAS, a member of the 2000 Class of Leadership Germantown and the 1998
Class of Leadership Memphis, Rep. Paul Stanley was selected in 2003 by the American Council of Young Political Leaders to join a delegation of eight other rising political figures to travel to Argentina and Uruguay for a two-week political study abroad; and

WHEREAS, born on June 1, 1962, in Savannah, Tennessee, Rep. Stanley is a graduate of Texas Tech University and Tyler Junior College; he currently serves as a Financial Advisor with The Stanford Group; and

WHEREAS, a Sunday school teacher, Representative Stanley is an active and faithful member of Christ United Methodist Church, which he has served in numerous capacities over the years; and

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WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Paul Stanley is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Kristi; they are the proud parents of two devoted children, Roan and Mary Morgan; and

WHEREAS, seeking election to the State Senate, Rep. Stanley's announcement of his retirement from the House of Representatives has greatly disappointed and disconcerted his fellow lawmakers, and his considerable talents and energies will be sorely missed by the good people of House District 96; and

WHEREAS, this Body finds it appropriate to bid farewell to our friend and colleague, Rep. Paul Stanley; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Rep. Paul Stanley on his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of House District 96.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to Paul Stanley our best wishes for much success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Rep. Stanley as a token of our esteem.

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